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SUBJECT: WOOD PACKAGING MATERIAL (WPM): GREECE SUPPORTS EC
PROPOSAL

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On February 8, the Ministry of Agriculture's Secretary General for Policy, Christos Avgoulas, reported to Econcouns and FAS specialist that the Greek permrep in Brussels has been instructed to support the EC's proposal suspending the debarking requirement for one year. He mentioned that Greek cargo shippers, major consumers of U.S. wood packaging material, had expressed their concerns about the possible disruptive effects on their industry of implementing the debarking requirement.
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